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President's Message

It has been an exciting year as ILNA President with the many experiences which have come with it. There has always been something to get ready for, or work on to improve ILNA. A lot of it was simply to get better acquainted with the workings of the organization. It has been truly rewarding meeting a lot of nice people. The association membership and mailing addresses are fully computerized now and up to date. With our bulk mailing rate permits in place, this area should operate smoothly and also be more cost effective. It is important that as members, you advise us of address changes. If we can't determine a new address, your name will be dropped from the membership rolls.

Please join me in welcoming Jack Zillion of Westlake Rare Coins in Peoria as our newest board member and also as our association secretary. Jack is a welcome addition to a very capable board.

Our membership has continued to grow since the first of the year with new members, including several Junior Members. Danville Coin Club and the Railsplitters Coin Club of Lincoln have also joined ILNA bringing our membership to 25 clubs. One concern on membership is the members who haven't paid their dues for 1993, as they will soon be dropped from the rolls. I hope they have simply forgotten and will get their dues in as this is their last Digest, if dues aren't paid. Your dues status is stated in the later pages of this issue.

Our annual convention and show promises to be an exciting one for all who attend this year. A full page of details is listed in this issue. A few bourse tables are still available for \$99.00. Contact Joe Irmen at 708-250-7474 for details.

In closing, a lot of effort has been made to become better acquainted with officers and members of the various clubs. Progress has been made by updating mailing addresses, seeking information on clubs and featuring club profiles. However, I have yet to hear from some of the clubs. Also, I was asked to list my phone number (815-432-4636) for those who would like to call. My address is the same as the ILNA address on the front cover. I am looking forward to seeing you in Peoria in September at A REALLY GREAT SHOW!

Numismatically yours,
Kermit W. Wasmer, President, ILNA

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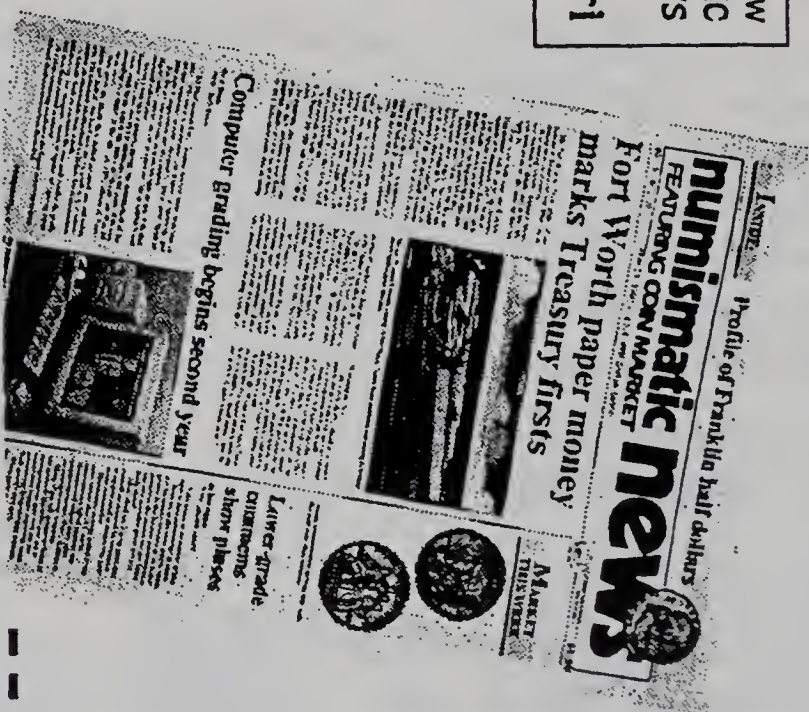
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ILNA Board Meeting Minutes

June 27, 1993 Rantoul, Illinois

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by President Kermit Wasmer.

The following board members were present:

Kermit Wasmer	Jim Kaczor	Erthel Rose	Dennis Witter
Mark Wieclaw	Jim Erlenborn	Sonny Henry	Jack Zillion
Glen DeValk	Joe Irmen	Joe DeModica	

The secretary's minutes from the previous meeting were read. Motion to accept as read made by Rose, seconded by Wasmer. Motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer's report was distributed, read, and discussed. Motion to accept by Kaczor, seconded by Erlenborn. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted by all that bulk mailing of Digest has significantly reduced mailing costs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Updated lists of all current regular and club members were given to each board member. As of 6/27, the rosters showed a total of 299 active members and 26 active clubs. Board members were encouraged to stay in touch with their area clubs to keep club info as up to date as possible.

Jimmy Kaczor gave the board an update on the status of his I & M Canal project, stating that the second chapter was finished, as well as outlines of chapters 3 and 4. Wieclaw added that all necessary film has been obtained with which to photograph the notes themselves.

Wasmer presented the board with a dues report. Although the number of paid-up members has increased from the last report, it was noted that there are still a number of members in arrears.

Wasmer stated that membership cards for paid members would be sent with the ILNA Digest. Unpaid members would receive only two issues of the Digest, each containing a past due notice, after which they would be removed from the mailing list.

It was noted that some members would likely pay at the ILNA show in Peoria. New members signed up at the show will be considered paid through 1994.

Kaczor updated the board on his History of ILNA project. After researching old Digests, he has assembled a list of the original charter members. He further stated that he should have something prepared by the time of the ILNA show in Peoria.

DIGEST BUSINESS:

President Wasmer passed out three samples of the new Digest to the Board for inspection. He announced that the Digest has two new writers, John Wright and H. Ribbentrop, as well as new advertisers Winkquist and Kwasniewski. In lieu of ad charges, they plan to donate prizes.

Rather than relying solely on info from the clubs themselves, show dates will also be taken from listings in trade publications such as Coin World and Numismatic News. However, clubs are still strongly encouraged to submit their show dates to ILNA.

Extra Digests will be made available at the Peoria show for distribution to new members.

The Digest has a new publisher, Jim Light. Based on examination of sample Digests, quality will remain as high as ever. ILNA expects a good future relationship.

Kaczor requested and was given extra Digests to take with him when speaking, lecturing, etc. to help promote ILNA.

Club Profiles - President Wasmer presented a list of clubs showing those not yet contacted. The rest of the board reported progress in their respective regions. It was noted by all that this is not an easy task, but progress continues.

Regarding club dues, Wasmer stated that he will send a personal letter to all member clubs in arrears.

It was announced that all board member profiles have been obtained save Zillion's, who stated that his will be done before the next Digest.

Wieclaw noted that some members who are due membership anniversary certificates (i.e. 10 yrs., 25 yrs., etc.) have not received them. Zillion stated that he will research anniversary dates on all members and prepare a list of the appropriate names.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Irmen, seconded by Kaczor, to approve Jack Zillion as the newest ILNA board member. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Irmen, seconded by DeValk, to appoint Jack Zillion as new ILNA Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

After a brief discussion it was decided that since all board slots are filled, there is no need to circulate petitions for board membership.

Discussion regarding metal life membership cards for clubs. Any club or individual wanting one of these life membership cards can contact Mark Wieclaw, who can supply and engrave them for approximately \$5.00 each.

SHOW BUSINESS:

The 1993 Show budget was distributed to the board, along with a list of chairmanships. It was noted that Ray Dillard will unfortunately not be able to attend the show due to a prior commitment. However, he will supply as many rolled cents, etc. as necessary before the show.

It was announced that security for the show will commence at 9:00 a.m. Friday morning for dealer setup.

Witter stated that he will check out possibilities of obtaining or renting extra tables if needed, as we may be a few short at the show.

A conflict was noted with Westmont show on Sunday. Discussion was made of possibly contacting Westmont dealers regarding attending ILNA show on Friday and Saturday.

DeModica presented a preliminary schematic showing table layout for the show. Last minute revisions to be made as necessary.

Irmen briefed the board on tables sold:

Total number of confirmed dealers to date - 35.

Total number of tables sold to date - 44.

Witter noted that with a firming coin market and more show activity nationwide, more tables will be sold by show time. Several "last-minute" signups are expected. Wasmer reminded board to distribute table applications at other shows throughout the summer.

Appreciation was expressed to Sonny Henry for including show applications in his auction catalogs. This has already produced favorable results with more expected.

Regarding show exhibits, DeModica noted that some space is needed, will reorganize tables as necessary. Discussion ensued regarding possibly renting additional section of ballroom if not already occupied.

Witter stated that he can & will supply manpower for both registration and ILNA tables at show. There will be a \$1.00 admission charge, with children under 16 and any ILNA member admitted free. Kaczor suggested making special name badges for ILNA members.

Motion made by Irmen, seconded by Rose, to hold raffle at show. Motion carried unanimously. Dennis Witter will chair and Westlake Rare Coins will sponsor. Prizes will include U.S. gold coins, and 1878-CC Prooflike Morgan donated by member Duane Serck, silver rounds, and other items. Hourly door prizes to be supplied by dealers.

Hospitality room will be manned by Kaczor, Wagoner, Wasmer, and Witter, who will all supply food & beverages. Any other members wishing to donate food are welcome. Free passes to hospitality room will be given to all ILNA members at show. DeModica stated that he will assemble schedule of events regarding seminars, etc. for the show.

Henry reported that there will be a nice selection of BU material for the auction, encouraged further contributions for the Young Numismatists portion of the auction.

Show Publicity - to be handled as follows:

Dennis Witter - Local advertising (newspapers, etc.)

Joe Irmen - Coin World, Numismatic News, CDN

Sonny Henry - Through Auction Catalogs

Jim Kaczor - Personal appearances, lectures, etc.

Glen DeValk volunteered to chair ILNA Table at show.

Presentation of Exhibit Awards will be held at 5:00 p.m. Saturday night in the hospitality room. In addition, special awards to be given to J. Wagoner and L. J. Kaczor. Silver Round Drawing for new members to be held Sunday.

Sample questionnaires regarding a possible Peoria Coin Club were handed out. They will be distributed at the show and in the Digest.

Discussion of holding the 1994 ILNA show again in Peoria was tabled pending outcome of the 1993 show.

ILNA extends best wishes to Jim Kaczor in his bid to join the Central States Board, and to Nancy Wilson in her quest for reelection to the ANA Board.

Motion for adjournment made by DeModica, seconded by Witter. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Zillion, Secretary

To obtain tickets for the PAR-A-DISE Riverboat Casino for the Friday, Sept. 17th evening cruise contact:

Dennis Witter
Westlake Rare Coins
Westlake Shopping Center
Peoria, IL 61614
309-686-2535

Tickets can be picked up at the bourse table at the show.

Club Profiles

Rantoul Coin Club, Rantoul Illinois

The Rantoul Coin Club came into existence in the Spring of 1953, when a handful of folks with like coin interest decided to start meeting regularly. Over the years members came and went due to the transient military population in Rantoul. Due to some of its members' travels around the world, the Rantoul Coin Club is a unique organization.

The present club has 13 members that meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., temporarily at the American Lutheran Church, 500 Church Drive.

The club sponsors an annual show the 2nd Sunday in February, held at the Rantoul Civic Center, 520 Wabash Avenue. Past attendance has averaged around 350 to 375 people, with 32 tables and 18-20 dealers displaying our fine hobby items.

This year the club celebrates its 40th anniversary. Special elongated cents were ordered depicting the coin hobby ties with our military neighbors. Each year the club has wooden nickels made to help advertise and promote both the club and the annual show.

The meetings regularly include slide presentations and talks by members. Light desserts are served for a snack. Occasionally there are auctions and drawings for door prizes are held for attending members. Visitors are always welcome!

In December each year the members treat their wives and themselves to a banquet in celebration of the hobby. The Rantoul Coin Club donates Red Books each year to three area libraries as well as subscriptions of Coin World for public enjoyment.

Due to the Chanute Air Force Base closure this year, some changes could affect the membership.

Oak Forest Coin Club

The Oak Forest Coin Club, ANA C107031, was founded in October of 1977. We have a total of 57 members with an average attendance of 35 to 40 people. Meetings start promptly at 7:30 p.m. on the first Friday of each month at the Bremen Township Hall, 15350 Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest, IL. The only exception to this is the month of December when we hold our Christmas Banquet and Awards Dinner instead of a meeting.

We have had two guest speakers already this year and have four more scheduled. At every meeting we have members exhibits and talks, a mini-auction, the usual business meeting, refreshments, exhibit prizes, door prizes, dealers can set up, and more. Our meeting usually lasts three hours. We have the use of a very large and beautiful meeting room, for as long as we need it, at no charge.

Club Profiles (Cont.)

We will hold our 13th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show on Sunday, November 28th at the Alsip Holiday Inn, 5000 West 127th Street. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission charge is \$2.00 - 16 yrs. and older; 15 yrs. and under admitted free. Security provided by the Alsip Police Dept. Roger Boye, Coin Collector Columnist for the Chicago Tribune will be our special guest. Roger will be at the show all day long to help collectors and answer questions. One table of sportscards will also be available.

Last year was the first year we held a collectibles show. Normally a 25 table show, we expanded to 35 tables and could have sold more. It was an outstanding show for the club, as well as the dealers, as buyers continued in a steady flow all day. Dealers interested in acquiring space or more information can get it by writing to: Bill Baker, P.O. Box 15, Lansing, IL 60438, or call Howard Ribbentrop at 708-687-2919 after 6:00 p.m. weekdays or 10:00 a.m. on weekends.

Champaign Urbana Coin Club

The Champaign Urbana Coin Club formed in 1949. The club presently has 49 members with about 30 attending each meeting. Our meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Urbana Civic Center. The club features a speaker at each meeting as well as drawings for door prizes. Refreshments are served. The club presently has four junior members who aren't required to pay dues.

Our next upcoming coin show will be held on Sunday, November 7, 1993. The club is very active with a spring and fall show. Members come from as far as Danville, Rantoul, Decatur, Mahomet and other surrounding towns. New collectors are always welcome to our club meetings. Contact person for the club is L. J. Kaczor, 1306 Hollycrest Dr., Champaign, IL 61821. Phone: 217-356-9500.

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September 17, 18, 19, 1993

Application is hereby made for a bourse table at the Illinois Numismatic Association Annual Show and Convention, Sept. 17, 18, 19, 1993. Set-up hours will be from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. Friday. Bourse hours are 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. Friday; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday. Armed guard security will be provided from 12:00 noon Friday until 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

I understand and agree to the following stipulations. Bourse tables: Early Bird sign-up paid by Aug. 1 - \$99.00. After Aug. 1, tables will be \$125.00. Sunday only dealers: Before Aug. 1 - \$45.00. After Aug. 1 - \$60.00, for one 8 foot table and back-up table, three name tags. Corner table - \$225.00.

Table splitting, sale or transfer of table will not be permitted without express consent and approval of bourse chairman. The sponsor also reserves the right to accept or deny any application, prior to/or during the show, based solely on the sponsor's judgement.

Applicant irrevocably releases the Illinois Numismatic Association, its bourse chairman and all officers, members, and employees, in their official and individual capacities for damage or loss arising out of the 1993 ILNA convention. Table holders shall provide their own insurance protection for loss by theft or for any other reason whatsoever.

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AUCTION NEWS

The June 12, 1993 Coin Auction & Mail Bid conducted by Sonny Henry's Auction Service of Mendota, IL, was held at the Howard Johnson Peru, IL. It was very fast paced and exciting. There were over 125 bidders in attendance coming from Illinois, Wisconsin, Colorado, Missouri and Iowa. Mail bids were received from 15 different states. J. P. Martin from the American Numismatic Association gave a mini-seminar on basic coin grading. Several coin clubs were represented. There were \$1, \$2, and \$5 bills given away during the auction. A number was drawn for \$50, and several other money prizes were given away at the end of the auction. There were over 375 lots in the auction. It started at 5:00 p.m. and was over at 8:00 p.m. The bidding was very competitive throughout the entire auction. Prices were very strong. At recent auctions the prices have been very high. Carson City Dollars, Proof Sets, and Mint Sets, seemed to be the leaders in the auction. Also common low grade coins were commanding higher prices.

Highlights from the auction are as follows: 1880-CC Morgan Dollar - \$180.00; 1885-CC Morgan Dollar - \$200.00; 1881-CC Morgan Dollar - \$220.00; 1890-CC Morgan Dollar - \$300.00; 1882-CC Morgan Dollar - \$110.00; 1883-CC Morgan Dollar \$110.00; "20" 1881-S Morgan Dollars - \$310.00; 1885 Proof Set - \$5,050.00; 1882 Trade Dollar - \$1600.00; 100 oz. Silver Bar - \$434.00; 1847-D \$5 Liberty Gold Pc. \$455.00; 1831 Bust Half Dollar - \$185.00; Grant 1 oz. Gold Medal - \$360.00; "20" Mixed Walking Liberty Half Dollars - \$110.00; "3" 1913-D Ty-1 Buffalo Nickels - \$350.00 ea.; 1939 Proof Set - \$950.00; 1940 Proof Set - \$650.00; 1950 Proof Set \$400.00; "3" 1951 Proof Sets - \$220.00 ea.; 1921 Mercury Dime - \$860.00; 1909-S V.D.B. Lincoln Cent - \$330.00; 1877 Indian Cent - \$215.00; 1952 Mint Set - \$285.00.

For upcoming auction information, see Sonny's ad in this issue of the Digest.

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ILNA Board Member Profile

Joe Demodica

I am ILNA's Convention Coordinator and have been since 1990. I have also been an ILNA Board Member since 1989 and I believe the youngest ever to serve. I am ILNA's Educational Chairman and have been since 1992.

My occupation is material analyst at Motorola Inc. (Pan American Cellular Subscriber Group). I served as Assistant Facility and Bourse Chairman of the N.O.I.S.E. (Numismatic Of Illinois Sales & Exchange) Convention held every 3rd Sunday in Westmont, Illinois, and have been involved since its inception in 1978.

I collect a little of everything but primarily Morgan and Bust Silver Dollars. I've been coin collecting since I was seven years old. My uncle got me interested by giving me coins for my birthdays. I've recently found an interest in elongated coinage. I am currently working on a design for a double sided elongated coin commemorating N.O.I.S.E.

Numismatics is my hobby and I simply enjoy collecting. Knowledge is the key and the quest for knowledge is endless, but always intriguing and gratifying. To learn about numismatics is to learn about our history.

I have made acquaintances with a great many people through numismatics and have learned much. Serving with my fellow ILNA Board Members has been a meaningful experience and the future holds great things.

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Feature Article

The Two Cent Piece (1864-73)

by J. Zillion, Westlake Rare Coins

Throughout the history of U.S. coinage, several odd-denomination pieces have been issued, for reasons ranging from dire necessity to bureaucratic whim. Perhaps one of the most interesting of these "odd denomination" coins is the Two Cent piece, issued from 1864-1873.

By 1863, the idea of a two cent piece was not a new one. Unsuccessful attempts had already been made, first in 1806 and again in 1836, to authorize a two cent piece in a billon composition. Unfortunately, the idea had been shelved on both occasions, due mainly to the fear that the billon alloy would be too easily counterfeited. However, in December, 1863, Mint Director James Pollock wrote to Salmon P. Chase, Lincoln's Secretary of the Treasury, recommending a two cent piece in the same "French bronze" that was to be used in the one-cent coins the following year. He sent Chase some sample coin designs created by engraver James B. Longacre, creator of the Indian Cent.

Chase finally gave approval to a design, showing on its obverse, a large shield covering two crossed arrows, adorned with a ribbon upon which was the newly-adopted motto, "In God We Trust". The reverse displayed a simple wreath surrounding the denomination "2 Cents". This design proposal was written into the upcoming Mint Bill, which became law on April 22, 1864.

Production commenced that same month, with a few proofs and a few thousand business strikes coming from prototype dies that had small-size letters in the motto. Later, new working dies were made with "In God We Trust" in larger letters. These dies were used through 1870. At that time, William Barber, who had become Chief Engraver after Longacre's death in 1869, redesigned the hub for the 1870-73 coins. The only differences, however, were slightly stronger details and some minor obverse motto doubling.

Two cent pieces originally circulated because of the Civil War coin shortage, but after the end of the war, there were fewer calls for the denomination. Mintage figures gradually declined, coinciding with increased mintages of nickel five-cent pieces. This was interpreted as a lack of public acceptance of the coin, and production eventually ceased at the beginning of 1873 after the issuance of only a few proofs that year.

Scarce dates in this short-lived series include 1864 "Small Motto", 1871, 1872, and the proof-only issue of 1873. Two cent pieces had only a limited legal-tender status for over 100 years, finally achieving full legal-tender status with the passage of the Coinage Act of 1965. This long underrated (and underpriced!) series is finally getting the attention it deserves, as numismatists of all ages are now rekindling their interest in this truly scarce and valuable type coin.

This is the third of a regular series of articles on paper money and coins throughout the history of our country. We hope you will find it both interesting and informative.



ILNA Jr. Member Profile

Jonathan Spenn

My name is Jonathan Spenn. I am 11 years old and live in Watseka with my parents and older brother. I am a 5th grade student at Woodland School.

I first became interested in collecting coins through my grandfather, Fred Sterrenberg. We both belong to the Wat-Cha-Kee Coin Club in Watseka. Recently, I was chosen to be the corresponding secretary of our club. I have invited some of my friends to attend our coin club meetings and one has also become a member. I am also a junior member of ILNA.

So far my collecting has been limited to U.S. coins. I have mainly collected pennies, nickels and dimes. I have nearly filled my Liberty Head Nickel and Jefferson Nickel books.

While on vacations, I have had a chance to visit the Philadelphia and Denver Mints. I have also visited the American Numismatic Association headquarters at Colorado Springs. In addition, I have attended a few coin shows. These experiences have helped me to understand coin collecting better. Coin Collecting is a hobby I hope to enjoy for the rest of my life.

The Digest plans on featuring ILNA Junior Members in coming issues as articles are available.

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The Lincoln Challenge

by Howard W. Ribbentrop

If I knew back in 1964 what I know now, I would never have started collecting coins. Not that I wouldn't have started collecting at all. I would have gone right into collecting medals and tokens. Our hobby promotes "coin collecting" loud and clear, first and foremost, and all remaining categories that fall into numismatics are pretty much whispered.

I got hooked on coins because I knew another coin collector who made the hobby look interesting. Most collectors get into the hobby the same way. There are also many publications sold at the local coin shop, news stand, or magazine rack; COINage, COINS, COIN WORLD, WORLD COINS, COIN PRICES, NUMISMATIC NEWS, published weekly and monthly, all designed to lure and encourage coin collectors. Then too the new collector can join a "coin club" and go to the many "coin shows" each weekend which sell coins and sports cards. (And by the way, no one has ever explained to me convincingly how sportscards fit into a "COIN" show.)

So the new hobbyist has no perspective on what the rest of numismatics is about because the word "coins" is constantly in front of him. There are no publications such as MEDALage, TOKENS, MEDALS, MEDAL WORLD, WORLD MEDALS, or EXONUMIA NEWS. Just organizations like the Tokens and Medals Society of the Civil War Token Society with publications which are limited at best and issued either bi-monthly or quarterly, and with mostly advertising and buying ads. They get pretty stale after a few issues.

The world of exonumia collecting has a rainbow of topical interests and areas that never leave the collector flat. Every coin collector is doing something that has been done before, thousands and thousands of times! Be it plugging holes in a Whitman Album, collecting by type, by date, by mint, denomination, gold, silver, you name it, it's been done. Where-as the exonumist collection is unique. Consider it an "artists rendering" with the artist being the collector himself. It's a pure form of numismatics performed out of appreciation, desire, and passion.

There is an abundance of subjects and types of material available for purchase. If one wanted to start a new and fresh collection, there is no better subject to start on than Abraham Lincoln. As a matter of fact, a good start on the collection is the ILNA elongateds. The likeness of Lincoln is in the logo and these rolled out gems are very reasonably priced.

Let's take a look at what else is available to collect. There are Medals, Tokens, Decorations (Fraternal, Military, & Civil), Plaques, Fobs, Storecards, Souvenir Pennies, Good Luck Medals, Elongateds, and that's just to get started. The cost of collecting? A lot less than a Lincoln Cent collection in just VF condition. And you get the work of some of the greatest artists in the field: George T. Morgan, Anthony Paquet, Charles E. Barber, John Wilson, Henri Ripstra, Jules Roine, Henry Ryden, Bela Pratt, George Lovett, Robert Lovett, and many more who are legends in the arts and not just at the U.S. Mint.

This is Part I of an article on Exonumia Collecting.

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Coinology

by Jimmy Kaczor

What is obsolete United States paper money? What is included, and what is not? Let's make a list. All Continental Currency, including the state issue prior to the Revolutionary War; all issues of paper by banks, savings and loan institutions, private business and quasi-official business, such as canals (Illinois-Michigan Canal), tollroads, and railroads.

Being an Illinois Association, we would be interested in Illinois banks and their notes. There are roughly 165 different banks of issue in Illinois, along with perhaps a thousand two hundred notes.

As you know, where money is involved, the person who is of a temperment to get something for nothing will be there. Consequently, we have to make allowances for these shenanigans.

1. Genuine - An authorized issue; be it a bank, person, or business issue.
2. Counterfeit - An unauthorized issue.
3. Altered - A genuine note that has been changed in some way.
4. Raised - A note that has been altered by changing the denomination.
5. Spurious - A note made to look like a genuine note, but from a bank or person that never existed.

You are all aware of what genuine and counterfeit mean, but not everyone is familiar with the other terms. Raised is a term meaning the value has been increased. For instance, a one dollar is made into a ten or even a hundred, a two dollar note becomes a twenty, and so on. But this is not to say a one could not be made into a five or any other denomination.

An altered note is a genuine note that has been altered to show a different bank or business; a different place of issue. The Grand Prairie Bank of Urbana could become the Grank Prairie Bank of Springfield; or the entire name of the bank be removed and become the Marine Bank of Urbana.

A spurious note is one from a bank, business or person that never existed; such as the Drovers Bank of Champaign or the Smith Brothers Bank of Bondville. The notes looked good but the banks never did exist. How did banks and business people protect themselves from such works?

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Where people do wrong, some will be there to right. "Hodges' American Bank Note Safe-Guard", was a listing of genuine note issued by the banks. Anything that deviated from the book was no good. The other counterfeit detector was "The Descriptive Register of Genuine Bank Notes" by Qwynne and Day. I have reprints of the originals in my library, but I am also very fortunate to have an original "Qwynne and Day" of 1860. There were a few others, but they are hard to find.

The "Society of Paper Money Collectors" has published a series of about twenty books on obsolete money, divided into states of origin. The other main source is "United States Obsolete Bank Notes 1782-1866", a four volume set. Don't be surprised, though, when you hear the price.

This is just the surface of obsolete bank notes. In the future, I will write more, if you wish.

Jimmy is available to give club presentations on many interesting topics. Please contact him by writing to Jimmy Kaczor, 1306 Hollycrest Dr., Champaign, IL 61821, for further information.

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MAKING SENSE

by John D. Wright, NLG

Two hundred years ago this country started making cents. It hasn't made much sense since. We fought a war against George III over high taxes, then we elected our present government. We imported thousands of African slaves to work our plantations, then we fought a bloody war over whether we should free them or not. We founded a new country based on the principle that "the state shall not dictate religion", then we interpreted that principle as "the state shall not permit prayer".

No, our country is not what it was and will not be tomorrow what it is today. But through it all we have continued every year to crank out a never-ending stream of our first federal coinage — the cent.

Copper is a "base metal", meaning it doesn't cost much. The first cents used three pounds of copper per dollar of face value. Today a dollar's worth of cents weighs less than nine ounces, including less than a quarter-ounce of copper. The rest is zinc, because copper is "too expensive" for cents. We've certainly come a long ways, haven't we!

The first cents had a chain on the reverse, an idea copied from the Continental notes and pewter "dollar" of 1776 and the Franklin-inspired "Fugio" coppers of 1787. The fifteen-linked chain, symbolizing the strength in unity of the fifteen states, was

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misunderstood and fiercely attacked. The design was in production for only twelve days in March. Two other major designs graced the premier year of cents, so a type set of the year needs three very expensive cents. The last of these, inspired by Dupre's "Libertas Americana" medal of 1783, is the key to the entire large cent series. The product of a few days' striking in September, there are now fewer than a thousand 1793 liberty cap cents known.

Each of the first few years of our coinage bears its own claim to fame:

1792 — Patterns in copper and silver

1793 — First coinage in copper (cents and half cents)

1794 — First coinage in silver (+ h.dimes, h.dollars, dollars)

1795 — First coinage in gold (+ h.eagles and eagles)

1796 — First ten-value coinage (+ dimes, q.dollars, q.eagles)

The next ten-denomination coinage for circulation would be 1849 — a full 53 years later.

Since precious-metal coinage had to contain face value in bullion, the profit from the lowly cent carried the mint through its formative years. A 20% weight-reduction in 1795 (to less than 2 1/2 pounds of copper per dollar) insured the survival of our money-factory, but spelled the end of the thick cents whose edge proclaimed "ONE HUNDRED FOR A DOLLAR" (oh, don't I WISH!!).

Several experiments were tried in 1795: a private contract coinage (the "Jefferson Head" cents — rejected); a reeded-edge cent (a few pieces — another rejected idea); overstrikes on copper tokens bought by the pound (half cents and a few cents — another losing idea); and finally the reduced-weight plain-edged cent that would carry the U.S. mint through the next sixty-two years.

By the time the large U.S. cent passed into history in 1857, our union had grown to 31 states, our coinage to eleven denominations made at five mints (adding the double eagle in 1850), our population to 25 million, and our differences with our brothers so great as to poise us on the brink of a great war with our kin. Yes, our nation has made cents for two hundred years — but it has made sense for few if any of those.

If there is enough interest expressed, a later article may look at some more of these fascinating coppers made during the first half-century of U.S. federal coinage.

John D. Wright is a leader of Early American Coppers, a contributing editor of "Penny-Wise", and the author of "The CENT Book". He has collected U.S. large cents for forty years.

July 31, 1792 - The cornerstone was laid for the first mint in Philadelphia.

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Upcoming Coin Shows

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Sept. 17-19, 1993
(Fri.-Sun.)

Illinois Numismatic Association Coin Show. *Location:* Holiday Inn City Center, 500 Hamilton Blvd., Peoria, IL. *Table fee:* \$99. *Contact:* Joseph DeModica, 5N 105 Rt. 53, Itasca, IL 60143. Ph. 708-250-7474

Oct. 2, 1993 (Sat.)

Corn Belt Coin Club Show. *Location:* Elks Club, Corner of Madison & Washington, Normal, IL. *Contact:* Bill Whisler, 409 Belview, Normal, IL 61761. Ph. 309-452-6870

Oct. 3, 1993 (Sun.)

Rockford Area Coin Club 74th Semi-Annual Show. *Location:* Ramada Inn & Hoffman House Restaurant, 7550 E. State St. (Bus. 20 off I-90), *Table fee:* \$30. *Contact:* Ralph Winquist, 1004 C. St., Rockford, IL 61107

Oct. 10, 1993 (Sun.)

Fairfield Coin Club 23rd Annual Fall Show. *Location:* North Side Grade School, 806 N. 1st St., Fairfield, IL. *Table fee:* \$20. *Contact:* Cecil Draper, Ph. 618-847-4811

Oct. 17, 1993 (Sun.)

Railsplitter Coin Club Show. Free admission. *Location:* American Legion Hall, Bus. Rt. & 5th St. Rd., Lincoln, IL. *Table fee:* \$20. *Contact:* Bob Olson, PO Box 654, Jacksonville, IL 62651. Ph. 217-245-0917

Oct. 24, 1993 (Sun.)

Elgin Coin Club 31st Annual Show. Free Admission, Door Prizes, Coin Grading & Appraisal, YN Auction, Sonny Henry Auction, Educational programs presented. *Location:* Elgin Ramada Inn, 500 W. River Road, Rte. 31 & 190. *Contact:* Elgin Coin Club, PO Box 561, South Elgin, IL 90177

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Upcoming Coin Shows (Cont.)

- Oct. 24, 1993 (Sun.) Hoopeston Coin Club Annual Show. *Location:* Hoopeston American Legion Post, Northeast corner of E. Penn & S. 4th Sts. *Table Fee:* \$12.50. *Contact:* Joe Wagoner, 322 W. Orangest, Hoopeston, IL 60942. Ph. 217-283-6733
- Nov. 7, 1993 (Sun.) Champaign-Urbana Coin Club Annual Show. *Location:* Civic Center, 108 E. Water St. *Table fee:* \$22.50. *Contact:* Keith LeSaure, 1909 Moraine Dr., Champaign, IL 61821. Ph. 217-356-8577
- Nov. 28, 1993 (Sun.) Mattoon Coin Club Fall Show. *Location:* Holiday Inn, Rt. 16, Mattoon, IL. *Table fee:* \$25. *Contact:* M. D. Shepherd, PO Box 143, Mattoon, IL 61938.
- Feb. 5 & 6, 1994
(Sat.-Sun.) Dupo Coin Club's 37th Annual Show. *Location:* Ramada Inn, Fairview Heights, IL. *Table fee:* \$75. *Contact:* Dupo Coin Club, PO Box 3153, Fariview Heights, IL 62208. Ph. 618-632-3331 - Harry Niccum.
- Mar. 6, 1994 (Sun.) Wat-cha-kee Coin Club Annual Show. *Location:* Watseka, IL. Details to follow.
- Apr. 2, 1994 (Sat.) Corn Belt Coin Club Spring Show. *Location:* Elk's Lodge, corner of Madison & Washington, Bloomington, IL. *Table fee:* \$15. *Contact:* Bill Whisler, 409 Belview Ave., Normal, IL 61761. Ph. 309-452-6870

Sept. 21, 1796 - First coinage of quarter eagles.
Sept. 22, 1795 - First \$10 gold coinage.

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1959	Quarters	160	N/A *
1959	Half	11	N/A **

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Sonny Henry	A	P	P	P
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Joe Irmen, New member Jack Zillion, and Glen DeValk.*

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